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SUBJECT: EA/TB TRAVEL

1. EA/TB DIRECTOR GEORGE B. ROBERTS PLANS TO VISIT THAILAND AND BURMA IN SEPTEMBER. HE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK AT 0045 ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 VIA PA 001, LEAVE BANGKOK FOR RANGOON AT 1005 MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22 VIA UB 222 ARRIVING AT 1040, AND LEAVE RANGOON FOR LONDON AT 2255 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 VIA BA 891.

2. FOR BANGKOK: ROBERTS WOULD APPRECIATE IF HE COULD BE MET AT DON MUANG BY AN EMBASSY CAR AND DRIVER, BUT THERE IS NO RPT NO NEED FOR ANYONE ELSE TO GO TO THE AIRPORT. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF A SCHEDULE COULD BE SET UP ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. SEPT. 15, 16, AND 17: CONSULTATIONS IN BANGKOK WITH EMBASSY AND THAI OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

B. 1600 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17: DEPART BANGKOK BY TRAIN FOR HAAD YAI.

C. 1030 THURSDAY, SEPT 18: ARRIVE HAAD YAI, PROCEED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SONGKHLA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH CONSULATE AND THAI

OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

D. 1040 FRIDAY, SEPT. 19: DEPART HAAD YAI VIA TH 375 FOR BANGKOK ARRIVING 1305.

E. 1530 FRIDAY, SEPT. 19: DEPART BANGKOK VIA TH 181 FOR CHIANG MAI ARRIVING 1710. CONSULTATIONS IN CHIANG MAI WITH CONSULATE AND THAI OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

F. APPROX. 1400 SATURDAY, SEPT. 20: DEPART CHIANG MAI VIA USG AIRCRAFT FOR UDORN ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 1600. CONSULTATIONS IN UDORN WITH CONSULATE AND THAI OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

G. 1900 SUNDAY, SEPT. 21: DEPART UDORN BY TRAIN, ARRIVING DON MUANG AT 0600 MONDAY, SEPT. 22.

H. 1005 MONDAY, SEPT. 22: DEPART BANGKOK (DON MUANG) VIA UB 222 FOR RANGOON.

3. PLEASE RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN BANGKOK (E.G., ERAWAN OR EQUIVALENT) FOR THE NIGHTS OF SEPT. 14, 15, AND 16 MAKING SURE THAT HOTEL MANAGEMENT REALIZES ROBERTS WILL NOT BE ARRIVING UNTIL EARLY SEPT. 15. PLEASE TICKET AND BOOK FIRST CLASS BERTH ON SEPT. 17 EXPRESS TRAIN TO HAAD YAI, INFORM CONSULATE SONGKHLA OF VISIT, AND ASK THEM TO RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS (SAMILA OR EQUIVALENT) FOR THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 18. PLEASE TICKET AND BOOK SEAT ON TH 375 AND TH 181 ON SEPT. 19, INFORM CONSULATE CHIANG MAI OF VISIT, AND ASK THEM TO RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 19. ROBERTS WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF A FLIGHT FROM CHIANG MAI TO UDORN SEPT. 20 COULD BE ARRANGED EITHER VIA JUSMAG OR CONSULATE'S LEASED AIRCRAFT. PLEASE INFORM CONSULATE UDORN OF VISIT AND ASK THEM TO TICKET AND BOOK FIRST CLASS BERTH ON SEPT. 21 TRAIN UDORN-DON MUANG.

4. FOR RANGOON: ROBERTS WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE COULD BE MET AT MINGALADON AND IF A SCHEDULE COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SET UP ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. SEPT. 22, 23, AND 24: CONSULTATIONS IN RANGOON WITH EMBASSY AND BURMESE OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

B. 0730 THURSDAY, SEPT. 25: DEPART RANGOON VIA UB 709 FOR MANDALAY ARRIVING 0900. CONSULTATIONS IN MANDALAY WITH CONSULATE AND BURMESE OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

C. 1530 THURSDAY, SEPT. 25: DEPART MANDALAY VIA UB 710
FOR RANGOON ARRIVING 1700.

D. 2255 THURSDAY, SEPT. 25: DEPART RANGOON VIA BA 891
FOR LONDON.

5. PLEASE RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN
RANGOON FOR THE NIGHTS OF SEPT. 22, 23, AND 24. PLEASE
TICKET AND BOOK SEAT ON UB 709 AND 710 ON SEPT. 25 AND
INFORM CONSULATE MANDALAY OF VISIT.

6. FOR BOTH: ABOVE REQUESTS ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY.
IF POSTS THINK THAT ROBERTS' TIME COULD BE BETTER SPENT
OTHERWISE, OR IF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES ARE
DIFFERENT FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE IN
WASHINGTON, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE CHANGES. COSTS ARE
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